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Dear Representative:

The National Roofing Contractors Association supports H.R. 1628, the American Health Care Act. This legislation will repeal portions of the Affordable Care Act that have been burdensome on American businesses, including many NRCA members. NRCA opposed the ACA due to its harmful effects on employers, particularly small businesses, due to imposing government mandates and hundreds of billions of dollars in increased taxes without providing effective reforms for our health care system.

Established in 1886, NRCA is one of the nation's oldest trade associations and the voice of professional roofing contractors worldwide. NRCA has approximately 3,500 contractors in all 50 states who are typically small, privately held companies, with the average member employing 45 people and attaining sales of about \$4.5 million per year.

NRCA members strive to provide quality health insurance to their employees, but skyrocketing costs often limit the options they are able to provide to employees. We are pleased to see that the burdensome penalties associated with the mandate for employers to provide health insurance to employees are repealed.

NRCA also supports repeal of the numerous taxes that have increased the cost of health care rather than reducing costs for businesses and individuals. NRCA has been a leader in the fight to repeal the health insurance tax authorized by the ACA and is pleased to see this tax on fully insured health insurance plans purchased by small businesses and individuals is fully repealed by the AHCA. As well, the AHCA repeals the 3.8 percent tax on net investment income and the 0.9 percent Medicare tax. Both of these taxes hamper many business owners' ability to reinvest money back into their business through capital investments, job creation or higher wages for their employees.

NRCA believes this legislation will reduce the tax burden on businesses and increase market competition that is essential to driving down the cost of health insurance. However, there is still work to be done. We look forward to working with Health and Human Services Secretary Price to provide regulatory relief in the health care market and further legislative action to provide greater consumer choice and increased access to affordable health insurance.

NRCA urges you to vote in support of H.R. 1628, the American Health Care Act. Thank you for your consideration of NRCA's views. If you have any questions or need more information on this issue, please contact NRCA's Washington, DC, office at 202-546-7584.

Sincerely,

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